

message to the transgender community: We have your back.

The dangerous rhetoric we have seen across the country—including in this very body—in the last week is nothing short of reprehensible, and I for one will not allow this hateful and vitriolic rhetoric to go unanswered.

Transgender people don't need to be changed, criminalized, or eradicated. They need to be loved, they need to be supported, and they need to be able to look to their leaders in Washington and trust that we will protect their rights to live freely and safely, just as we would any other person in America.

Oregon has consistently led the way in the fight for transgender rights, and I am so proud to be from a State that prizes support over suspicion, compassion over culture wars, and humanity over hatred.

In Oregon we say gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, nonbinary, two spirits, queer, intersex, and asexual.

Oregon is proof that we can be better than this, and for the sake of the transgender community we must be.

HONORING EDNA MORRIS

(Mr. MORAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Edna Morris, who recently joined our Lord in Heaven.

During my time as a Smith County judge, I had the pleasure of working directly with Edna, an optimistic, gentle, and patient woman who treated everyone around her with kindness.

Edna was devout in her faith and firmly knew that her eternal future was rooted in it. She never worried. Edna consistently encouraged those around her to see the good in every situation, and she led by example.

She persevered through many obstacles and lived a full life, passionately serving her community in any way that she could, from serving Smith County as chief deputy of elections to helping in her church office, to volunteering at her granddaughter's school.

In a world where people have the choice to be anything, she always chose to be kind.

Edna will be missed deeply by me and so many others in Smith County. My prayers are with her family, friends, and all who were blessed to know her.

DEFENSE CONSOLIDATION

(Mr. DELUZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss how defense industry consolidation is hurting the American people and our national security.

A 2022 Defense Department report shows the intense constriction of the defense industrial base. In 1990, there

were 51 prime defense contractors but since then, small and mid-sized contractors have been gobbled up. Now there are just five—a 90 percent reduction.

At the same time, suppliers have disappeared. Tactical missile suppliers dwindled down from 13 to 3. Satellite suppliers fell from eight to four.

This deprives the American people of competition for key elements of our defense, and military leaders have complained that current contractors often deliver behind schedule, poor quality products, at too high a cost.

This lack of competition is leaving us ill-prepared and risks our national security and readiness.

The way I see it, a weak or, frankly, nonexistent antitrust enforcement allowed this to happen.

We have got to step in to promote competition, to give smaller contractors a chance to grow, and to stave off further consolidation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MASTER TROOPER JAMES R. BAILEY

(Mr. BANKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Master Trooper James Bailey. He was killed in the line of duty 1 week ago today.

Trooper Bailey, a native of Auburn, Indiana, was a decorated, 16-year veteran of the Indiana State police.

He was a warrior. He beat cancer three times.

In 2010, Trooper Bailey was off-duty and leaving lunch with his wife when an 87-year-old man collapsed in the parking lot. Trooper Bailey and his wife Amy, a nurse, began CPR and saved this man's life.

While many people called them heroes, Trooper Bailey simply said: It is what we do, it is what we are trained to do, and that is why we get into this profession.

That is who James Bailey was: a humble and dedicated public servant.

But I want to be very clear, especially to his children, Joseph and Sophia: Your dad was a hero, and that is how he will be remembered. We will never forget his service and his sacrifice to northeast Indiana.

God bless the Bailey family. God bless all of the law enforcement officers who risk their lives every single day to keep our families and our communities safe.

HOURLY MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KEAN of New Jersey). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the resolution (H. Res. 197) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 197

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, in accordance with this primary expense resolution, not more than the amount specified in subsection (b) for the expenses (including the expenses of all staff salaries) of each committee named in such subsection.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$14,193,788; Committee on Armed Services, \$25,961,870; Committee on the Budget, \$11,989,390; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$19,066,789; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$27,696,649; Committee on Ethics, \$9,276,290; Committee on Financial Services, \$20,370,000; Committee on Foreign Affairs, \$21,653,516; Committee on Homeland Security, \$18,923,976; Committee on House Administration, \$15,307,290; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$17,195,413; Committee on the Judiciary, \$22,713,454; Committee on Natural Resources, \$17,602,284; Committee on Oversight and Accountability, \$29,923,636; Committee on Rules, \$8,335,614; Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, \$16,291,019; Committee on Small Business, \$7,370,092; Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, \$8,892,625; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$21,766,388; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$10,753,197; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$27,306,852.

SEC. 2. FIRST SESSION LIMITATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not more than the amount specified in such subsection shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2023, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2024.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$7,096,894; Committee on Armed Services, \$12,294,760; Committee on the Budget, \$5,994,695; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$9,255,723; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$13,752,741; Committee on Ethics, \$4,517,066; Committee on Financial Services, \$10,185,000; Committee on Foreign